### Murphysboro City Council Meeting May 13, 2014

The Murphysboro, Illinois, City Council met in regular session, pursuant to its ordinances, on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014. Mayor Stephens called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Pastor Frye led the council in prayer. Following the invocation, Mayor Stephens led the council in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Mayor Stephens then directed City Clerk Cottonaro to call the roll. The roll was called with the following

**Present:** Barb Hughes, Vicki Ardrey, Bill Pierson, Mike Bastien, Danny

Bratton, Mark Costa, Sandra Bullar, Russell Brown, Gary McComb

**Absent:** Ron Nolan

Mayor Stephens presented the Russ Breading Award to Marcia Weber.

Motion: To approve the minutes of the April 8, 2014 council meeting. All aldermen received a copy of the minutes, for their review, prior to the meeting.

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Bullar Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion Carried** 

Motion: To approve the minutes of the April 28, 2014 special council meeting. All aldermen received a copy of the minutes, for their review, prior to the meeting.

Motion by Alderman Bullar Second by Alderman Costa

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion Carried** 

Motion: To approve the accounts payable, register #532 & #533 through May 9, 2014, accounts receivable through May 9, 2014 and payroll through May 9, 2014. All aldermen received a copy of the accounts payable, accounts receivable and payroll for their review, prior to the meeting.

Motion by Alderman Bullar Second by Alderman Bratton

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion Carried** 

#### REQUESTS FROM THE FLOOR

Mr. Eric Snedeker of Snedeker Risk Management, an Insurance Program Manager Group (IPMG) presented an insurance proposal to the council. They are part of The Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust (ICRMT) providing Illinois public entities effective risk management programs. They provide casualty, municipality, liability insurance, etc. Annual premium would be \$120,236. They would provide more coverage offered at a premium savings.

#### **COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS**

Building & Grounds Committee meeting of April 21, 2014.

Motion: To approve Brian Manwaring to install fire alarms at four city buildings for a cost not to exceed \$5,000.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey Second by Alderman Bullar

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion Carried** 

Eric Kennedy stated the property is clear and it is owned by Mid South Bank.

Motion: To accept the property at 436 S. 15<sup>th</sup> Street pending the results of the search.

Motion by Alderman Bratton Second by Alderman Brown

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion Carried** 

Public Improvement Committee meeting of April 21, 2014.

Motion: To eliminate milkweed as an obnoxious plant.

Motion by Alderman McComb Seconded by Alderman Bullar

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion Carried** 

Public Safety Committee meeting of April 21, 2014.

No action taken.

Personnel Committee meeting of April 21, 2014

Motion: To authorize Attorney Blake to draft a letter, with Mr. Word's authorization, to Mr. Word's doctor inquiring as to performance of job duties, job limitations required and a list of medications currently being taken for his condition.

Motion by Alderman Hughes Second by Alderman Costa

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion Carried.** 

Budget & Finance Committee meeting of April 28, 2014.

## Motion: To approve a \$1,000 expenditure for a Cemetery Database Pilot Program.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey Second by Alderman Bullar

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion Carried.** 

### Motion: To approve accounts payable register #530 and #531 through April 28, 2014.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey Second by Alderman Bullar

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion Carried.** 

# Motion: To approve Brown Electric's \$31,940 traffic signal battery backup proposal.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey Second by Alderman Pierson

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion Carried.** 

#### Motion: To approve \$600 for an ad in the Jackson County Visitor Guide.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey Second by Alderman Bastien

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote.

Ayes: Barb Hughes, Vicki Ardrey, Bill Pierson, Mike Bastien, Mark Costa, Sandra

Bullar, Russell Brown, Gary McComb.

Nays: Danny Bratton

**Motion Carried.** 

## Motion: To approve the bid from Republic in the amount of \$7166 for city clean up.

Motion by Alderman Bullar Second by Alderman Ardrey

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion Carried.** 

Community Relations Committee meeting of April 28, 2014.

Motion: To approve moving the May committee meeting to Tuesday, May 27th.

Motion by Alderman Ardrey Second by Alderman Bullar

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion Carried.** 

Public Works Committee meeting of April 28, 2014.

Motion: To accept the bid from Ellis Tree Service in the amount of \$2950 for the removal of two oak trees on 18th Street on East side of Sally Logan Library.

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Bastien

Mayor Stephens called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion Carried.** 

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Reminder that the standing committee meetings will be held on Tuesday, May 27th.

Congratulations to Chief Swafford again for receiving a \$26,000 grant to purchase a breathing air compressor and new cascade bottles

Mayor Stephens indicated that the Murphysboro Planning and Zoning Commission is to work up a comprehensive plan for the city. There are three vacancies. If council members have a recommendation to the commission please bring names to him.

### Motion: To approve Rachel Ensor to the Murphysboro Planning and Zoning Commission.

Motion by Alderman McComb Second by Alderman Hughes

Ayes: Barb Hughes, Gary McComb

Nays: Vicki Ardrey, Bill Pierson, Mike Bastien, Mark Costa, Danny Bratton, Sandra

Bullar, Russell Brown

**Motion Failed** 

#### **ALDERMEN ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS**

Barbara Hughes Nothing

Vicki Ardrey Nothing

Bill Pierson Nothing

Mike Bastien Nothing

Danny Bratton Sandra please pay Drury for roof job they did. He will not be

able to get on the roof for another couple of weeks. They always took care of their work; you can send them a check.

Mark Costa Crosswalks are faded.

Sandi Bullar Thank CJ Korando and Tim Lee for unstopping the sewer.

Russell Brown Nothing

Gary McComb Cemetery looked bad, no weed eating and high grass in spots.

If don't do a better job we need to go in a different direction.

There is a time frame involved.

#### **DEPARTMENT HEAD ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS**

Ed Heller Nothing

Sandra Ripley Nothing

Harold Sheffer Water line contractor getting ready to move again. Job is

moving along well.

Steve Swafford Nothing

Brian Hollo Interview for second officer will be May 28th with a hire by mid

June. Last hire will only have a two week period before transition. Would like to surplus three vehicles. Mayor

Stephens, with council's okay, directed the chief to surplus the

three vehicles.

Eric Kennedy Nothing

Ron Manwaring Nothing

Brian Manwaring Nothing

Darrin Mills Nothing.

Jim Stewart Nothing

Motion: To go into executive session at 8:05 pm to discuss matters related to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(14) regarding informant sources, the hiring or assignment of undercover personnel or equipment, or ongoing, prior or future criminal investigations when discussed by a public body with criminal investigatory responsibilities.

Motion by Alderman Bastien Seconded by Alderman Ardrey

Yeas: Barb Hughes, Vicki Ardrey, Bill Pierson, Mike Bastien, Danny Bratton, Mark

Costa, Sandi Bullar, Russell Brown, Gary McComb

Nays: None Motion Carried Motion: To come out of executive session at 8:10 p.m.

Motion by Alderman Costa Seconded by Alderman Bastien

Yeas: Barb Hughes, Vicki Ardrey, Bill Pierson, Mike Bastien, Danny Bratton, Mark

Costa, Sandi Bullar, Russell Brown, Gary McComb

Nays: None Motion Carried

Motion: To approve to accept the resignation of Rachel Ensor from the Murphysboro Historic Preservation Commission effective immediately.

Motion by Alderman Bastien Second by Alderman Bratton

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion Carried.** 

Motion: To adjourn

Motion by Alderman Bastien Second by Alderman Bullar

Mayor called for a voice vote. All were in favor.

**Motion Carried** 

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.